



## NOVEMBER 2006 NEWSLETTER

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### November 2006 Meeting:

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with Zel and Shirley Gernhart, Lucy Fomenko, Char and Joe Woltner, Eileen Bentz, Elaine Lancaster, and Sharon Brunner.

Sharon read the minutes from October 2006 meeting. A second reading for the application for the Hill family was done and approved. The first reading for Monty and Adriane Stoller was done. Second reading to be done in December.

Suzanne Miller donated \$50.00 to the trophy fund for the 2007 show.

Shirley found out that the Red Lion hotels now take dogs. There are several shows that are going to be there. At the Airport: Corgi Specialty and at the Jantzen Beach hotel All Breed Show. They should also be considered for the show next year. Elaine talked to the Pekinese group about showing together, and more discussion is to follow. Also there are some questions to be asked—Liability insurance and do we have to provide it or does the facility?

We need to find a judge for sweeps.

We want to congratulate all of the new AMA board members.

Char asked if she could chair the 2007 show. She said she will not show. Her request was approved by group.

The nominating committee was elected. They are Zel, Joe and Elaine. The committee will bring the names of the candidates to the December meeting.

Marilyn Singe lost Abby and we want her to know our thoughts are with her.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. The next meeting will be December 19, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at Izzy's in Wilsonville.

### Braggs:

Sarah has moved out of the Novice group to the Open Juniors—Congratulations.

Champion “To Sir With Love” Sir has two legs of his obedience CD per Shirley.

Member Input: Shirley sent a reminder for those of us who do our own tax returns. She wanted to remind us about a federal excise tax refund credit we will be able to claim when we file tax returns for year 2006.

#### SPECIAL ONE TIME TAX CREDIT ON YOUR 2006 TAX RETURN

When it comes time to prepare and file your 2006 tax return, make sure you don't overlook the "federal excise tax refund credit." You claim the credit on line 71 of your form 1040. A similar line will be available if you file the short form 1040A. If you have family or friends who no longer file a tax return AND they have their own land phone in their home and have been paying a phone bill for years, make sure they know about this form 1040EZ-T.

What is this all about? Well the federal excise tax has been charged to you on your phone bill for years. It is an old tax that was assessed on your toll calls based on how far the call was being made and how much time you talked on that call. When phone companies began to offer flat fee phone service, challenges to the excise tax ended up in federal courts in several districts of the country. The challenges pointed out that flat fee/rate phone service had nothing to do with the distance and the length of the phone call. Therefore, the excise tax should/could not be assessed.

The IRS has now conceded this argument. Phone companies have been given notice to stop assessing the federal excise tax as of Aug 30, 2006. You will most likely see the tax on your September cutoff statement, but it should NOT be on your October bill.

But the challengers of the old law also demanded restitution. So the IRS has announced that a one time credit will be available when you and I file our 2006 tax return as I explained above. However, the IRS also established limits on how BIG a credit you can get. Here 's how it works.

If you file your return as a single person with just you as a dependent, you get to claim a \$30 credit on line 71 of your 1040.

If you file with a child or a parent as your dependent, you claim \$40.

If you file your return as a married couple with no children, you claim \$40.

If you file as married with children, you claim \$50 if one child, \$60 if two children.

In all cases, the most you get to claim is \$60 - UNLESS you have all your phone bills starting AFTER Feb 28, 2003 through July 31, 2006 (do not use any bills starting Aug 1, 2006.), then you can add up the ACTUAL TAX AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR BILLS AND CLAIM THAT FOR A CREDIT.

Now if you have your actual phone bills and come up with an ACTUAL TAX AMOUNT, you cannot use line 71 on your tax return. You have to complete a special form number 8913 and attach it to your tax return.

Individuals using the special from 1040EZ-T will have to attach this form 8913 also.

One final point - this credit is a refundable credit. That means you get this money, no matter how your tax return works out. If you would end up owing the IRS a balance, the refund will reduce that balance you owe. If you end up getting a refund, the credit will be added and you get a bigger refund by that \$30 to \$60, depending on how many dependents are on your return.

Feel free to pass this on or make copies for family and friends who don't have computers

If you have any questions, please contact your accountant, or other tax preparer.

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#### Old Dog Tricks:

Want your dog to enjoy her senior years? A little extra TLC will help keep her tail wagging..

Keeping a close eye on her waistline and her habits is key. Talk with your vet if you notice any changes in your dog's appearance or in her eating, sleeping, potty, or playtime habits. Carrying extra weight puts an unhealthy strain on older dogs, so it's important to make sure the calories your pet eats and those she burns are balanced. Your vet may recommend switching to a specially formulated food for senior dogs as metabolism decreases with age.

## **Begging for Trouble:**

Does your doggy always want a taste of whatever you're eating? Save her from tummy aches by ignoring her begging.

Certain people foods can spell trouble for your pet, from indigestion to poisoning. Make sure she sticks to her normal diet during this season of festive foods, and remind guests not to feed her scraps from the table. Store any leftovers and garbage where your dog cannot get to them. And if you can't resist the sad eyes and whimpering, safely satisfy your pup's cravings with specially formulated dog treats.

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## **Notes:**

Attention; Dues are due this coming January, Please send your dues to our Treasurer: Shirley Gernhart at: 4140 SE Hwy 26, Boring, Or. 97009.

Thanks so much and may the New Year bring Joy and many Win's to you all!

Char Woltner...President.